

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A dryer latch for opening/ closing a door of a dryer that
includes a front panel having the door installed thereon, comprising:

a hook adapted to be provided at one side of the door of the dryer wherein a hanging portion is formed at both sides of one end of the hook;

a latch body adapted to be provided to one side of a the front panel having the door installed thereon wherein the hanging portion is inserted in an insertion hole formed in the latch body;

a pair of holders linearly slidable in the latch body to confront each other in the latch body to directly hold the hanging portion; and

a pair of springs provided in the rear of the holders, respectively, wherein the latch body comprises:

a first reception part having side wall portions and receiving the hanging portion; and

a pair of second reception parts provided adjacent to opposing side walls of the first reception part to hold and guide the holders, respectively, and

wherein a protrusion is formed on one side of each of the holders to be held against sliding in the latch body by one of the side wall portions of the first reception part.

3. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 2, wherein a pair of passing holes communicating with the second reception parts are formed at both of the side wall portions of the first reception part to let the holders pass through, respectively.

4. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 2, wherein a recess is formed at one end of each of the second reception parts to support the corresponding spring.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 2, wherein the hanging portion formed at both sides of one end of the hook has a triangular cross-section.

7. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 6, wherein confronting planes of the holders are inclined to correspond to the triangular cross-section of the hanging portion.

8. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 2, wherein a surface of the hanging portion to be brought in contact with the holders is rounded.

9. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 8, wherein two confronting ends of the holders are rounded.

10. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 2 ~~1~~, wherein a hollow portion is provided at a rear side of each of the holders to have one end of the corresponding spring inserted therein.

11. (Currently Amended) A door latch for opening/closing a door of a dryer that includes a front panel having the door installed thereon, comprising:

a hook adapted to be provided at one side of the door of the dryer wherein a hanging portion is formed extending from both sides of one end of the hook;

a latch body adapted to be provided to one side of a the front panel having the door installed thereon wherein the hanging portion is inserted in an insertion hole formed in the latch body;

a pair of holders adapted to be provided to confront each other in the latch body to hold the hanging portion;

a pair of springs provided in the rear of the holders, respectively; and

a latch cap attachable to the latch body to cover first and second reception parts of the latch body to prevent separation of the holders and the springs from the latch body.

12. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 11, wherein fixing protrusions protrude from a bottom of the latch cap to hold one ends of the springs, respectively.

13. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 11, wherein guide protrusions protrude from a bottom of the latch cap to guide movement of the holders, respectively.

14. (Currently Amended) A dryer door latch for opening/closing a door of a dryer that includes a front panel having the door installed thereon , comprising:

a hook provided at one side of the door of the dryer wherein a portion is formed at both sides of one end of the hook;

a latch body provided to one side of a the front panel having the door installed thereon wherein the portion is inserted in an insertion hole formed in the latch body;

a pair of holders provided to confront each other in the latch body to hold the hanging portion;

a pair of springs provided in the rear of the holders, respectively;

a latch cap covering first and second reception parts to prevent separation of the holders and the springs; and

wherein coupling holes are formed at corners of the latch cap and wherein bolts are in the coupling holes, respectively, to fix the latch cap to the latch body.

15. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 2, wherein the hook is built in one body of a fixing plate screw-coupled to one side of the door.

16. (Previously Presented) The dryer latch as claimed in claim 2, wherein coupling holes are formed at both sides of the latch body and wherein bolts are in the coupling holes, respectively, to fix the latch body to the front panel.

17. (Previously Presented) The combination of a laundry dryer and the dryer latch of claim 2.

18. (Previously Presented) The combination of a laundry dryer and the dryer latch of claim 12.

19. (Previously Presented) The combination of a laundry dryer and the dryer latch of claim 14.